

Revised: 06/20/08	ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GUIDELINE & PROCEDURE	NO. EX - 10
SUPERSEDES: 5/08 & Prior		SHEET 1 of 3 (See attached)
SUBJECT: ESS- Federal Graduation		FILING INSTRUCTIONS (Guidelines & Procedures Manual) Section: External As item: EX - 10

I. PURPOSE

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II. GUIDELINE/PROCEDURE

- See Attached

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		POLICY
		The public agency shall provide a FAPE to all eligible students until termination of eligibility due to graduation from secondary school with a regular diploma or due to exceeding 21 years of age, in accordance with §300.305 and ARS 15-701.01.(A)(3)and (B).
		PROCEDURES
		ARS 15-701.01(B) and AAC R7-2-301 (D)(1) 1) The public agency ensures that the governing board shall prescribe graduation criteria for students with disabilities from its high schools, which shall include accomplishment of the academic standards in at least reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies, as determined by district assessment. 2) The public agency ensures that the governing board shall develop a course of study and graduation and promotion requirements for all students placed in special education programs in accordance with R7-2-401 et seq.
		§300.102 LIMITATION-EXCEPTION TO FAPE FOR CERTAIN AGES 1) The public agency will not be obligated to provide FAPE to students with disabilities who have graduated from high school with a regular high school diploma. 2) The exception does not apply to children who have graduated from high school but have not been awarded a regular high school diploma. 3) Graduation from high school with a regular high school diploma constitutes a change of placement requiring prior written notice in accordance with §300.503.
		§300.305 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EVALUATIONS AND REEVALUATIONS 1) An evaluation is not required before the termination of a child's eligibility due to graduation from secondary school with a regular diploma or due to exceeding 21 years of age. 2) For a child no longer eligible due to graduation or exceeding the age of eligibility, a public agency must provide the child with a summary of the child's academic achievement and functional performance, which shall include recommendations on how to assist the child in meeting the child's post secondary goals.
		ARS 15-701.01(3) HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION; REQUIREMENTS Pupils with disabilities as defined in ARS 15-761 or children who receive special education as defined in

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		15-763, shall not be required to achieve passing scores on competency tests (AIMS) in order to graduate from high school unless the pupil is learning at a level appropriate for the pupil's grade level in a specific academic area and unless a passing score on a competency test is specifically required in a specific academic area by the pupil's IEP as mutually agreed on by the pupil's parents (or 18 year old student) and IEP Team.